

**H. R. 361.**

[Report No. 433.]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

JULY 25, 1850.

Read twice and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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Mr. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported the following bill :

**A BILL**

To authorize the Secretary of War to purchase a certain strip of land in the town of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for military and other purposes.

1      *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2      *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*  
3      *assembled,* That the Secretary of War, on being satisfied  
4      with the title of Francis Gardere, be, and he is hereby, au-  
5      thorized to purchase, at a fair valuation, of the said Francis  
6      Gardere, of the city of New Orleans, a certain strip or piece  
7      of land in the town of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where  
8      the old Fort formerly stood, measuring twenty-one feet  
9      French measure, commencing at about five arpens from  
10    the Mississippi river, and running back thirty-five arpens,

11 being part of a tract of land fronting on the Mississippi  
12 river, granted by the Spanish Government to Jean Gracy,  
13 it appearing that the said strip materially interferes with,  
14 and divides and cuts in two, the ground owned by the  
15 United States and used for Fort and other purposes, and  
16 that the said strip is necessary for military and other pub-  
17 lic uses.